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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RULING ON GSP STATUS

1. EXPORTEMOS, NICARAGUA'S QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL EXPORT PROMOTION ORGANIZATION, HAS APPROACHED THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE GSP STATUS OF LOCALLY MANUFACTURED BEER. NICARAGUA IS A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET (CACM) AND UNDER THE CACM'S RULES, BOTTLE-MAKING IS AN "INTEGRATED" INDUSTRY WHOSE PRODUCTS ARE PROTECTED FROM EXTRA-REGIONAL COMPETITION THROUGH HIGH TARRIFF BARRIERS. THEREFORE THE NICARAGUAN BREWER CANNOT AFFORD TO BUY ITS BOTTLES OTHER THAN FROM THE DESIGNATED "INTEGRATED" BOTTLE PRODUCER IN GUATEMALA, EXPORTEMOS SAYS.

2. UNDER THE GSP PROGRAM, EXPORTEMOS CONTINUED, BEER IS AN ELIGIBLE PRODUCT (TSUS 16705) AND NICARAGUA IS A DESIGNATED COUNTRY. HOWEVER, SINCE THE BOTTLE FOR THE BEER, WHICH MUST BE BOUGHT IN GUATEMALA, REPRESENT MORE THAN 35 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF THE FINAL PRODUCT, THE BOTTLED BEER EXPORTED FROM NICARAGUA APPEARS TO BE INELIGIBLE FOR THE GSP.

3. NONETHELESS, INASMUCH AS BOTTLES ARE AN ELIBIGLE ARTICLE
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(TSUS 54525 AND 54527) UNDER THE GSP AND SINCE GUATEMALA IS A DESIGNATED COUNTRY, EXPORTEMOS PROPOSES THAT THE BOTTLES BE BOUGHT IN GUATEMALA BY THE IMPORTING U.S. FIRM AND SENT IN BOND TO NICARAGUA WHERE THEY WOULD BE FILLED, CAPPED AND EXPORTED TO THE U.S.

4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO

U.S. CUSTOMS. THE NICARAGUA BEER MANUFACTURERE IS REPORTEDLY EAGER
TO TAP LARGE MARKET OF NICARAGUANS LIVING IN CALIFORNIA AREA.
IF THIS ARRANGMENT NOT ACCEPTABLE, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER AN
ALTERNAIVE ARRANGEMENT MIGHT ENABLE NICARAGUA TO EXPORT BOTTLED
BEER TO THE US UNDER THE GSP PROGRAM.
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